

## FREDERICK HASLER SR. AND MARGARETHA ABEGGLEN HASLER



Frederick Hasler, son of Johannes Hasler and Barbara Stoller Hasler.

Born August 5, 1827, Gsteigwyler, Canton Bern, Switzerland.

Married Margaretha Abegglen in Gsteigwyler. Died in 1903, Midway.

Margaretha Abegglen Hasler, daughter of Christian and Margaretha Abegglen, born August 27, 1827, at Iseltwald, Bern, Switzerland.

Died 1900 Midway.

Nestled at the feet of the beautiful Swiss Alps, is the little town of Gsteigwyler, Kt. Bern, Switzerland, a place noted for its beauty and tourist attractions. For generations this was the home of the Hasler family.

It was here that Frederick Hasler, Sr., was born. He was the eighth and youngest son of Johannes and Barbara Stoller Hasler. His only sister Margaretha died at an early age.

The Haslers were a very prominent family in this community. They were well educated and skilled tradesmen, a quality uncommon at this time.

Frederick was an accomplished stone mason, noted for making the Swiss sand stone ovens and for laying stone floors. He helped construct many large tourist hotels at Interlaken and also acted as a guide to people who came to climb the Alps. A brother served as mayor of the town, one was a school master, another owned a delicatessen store and one was a bodyguard of the King of Italy.

Frederick was a member of several glee clubs and belonged to a rifle club. It was at this club that he met Conrad Abegglen who introduced him to his attractive sister Margaretha.

The following year Frederick and Margaretha were married at an impressive church wedding at Gsteigwyler.

The family joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and left for America with Utah as their goal, arriving at Midway in June, 1873.

Frederick, Sr., gave up his trade as a stone mason, purchased some land and became a dairy farmer.

This family, along with others, moved each summer to the mountains north of Midway to the Bonanza Flats in the White Pines, where Frederick burned charcoal for the Ontario mine at Park City, while his wife and children took care of a herd of cows and made cheese and butter to help earn a living for the family.

The girls walked barefoot over the mountains and delivered the cheese and butter to the boarding house at the mine above Park City.

Frederick and Margaretha spent their remaining years in Midway pioneering the dairy industry in the valley.

Their children—Margaretha was an accomplished dressmaker. Elizabeth married Bernard Kennah and was the mother of Sylvia, Margaretha, William, Bernard, Emmet and Helen Hyde. Marie Ann married John Murri and they were the parents of John, Laurence, William, Herbert, Adell, Ella Duke, Marie Ann Cluff, Leda Titus, Ruby and Gladys Murri. Louisa married William E. Hackett. Their children are Ida Battison and Sarah Porter. Rosalin married Felix Martin and was the mother of Norma Bollschweiler. Anna married Stephen Smith. After the death of Stephen Smith, Anna married Joseph Luncford, parents of Leda Luncford. Frederick Jr., married Emma Baumgartner, their children are Florence Buhler, F. Rodney Hasler, Emma Chard, Lucille Watkins, Lorraine Bagnell, Anna, Ruby and Henry Hasler.

Frederick Jr. followed his father's trade and became a dairy farmer, taking great pride in improving his dairy herd. He also took an active part in the community and church. He was the first president of the YMMIA in the Midway 2nd Ward, a position he held for ten years. He was a member of the school board, director of the irrigation company, chairman of the Amusement board, and served in the Bishopric of the Midway 2nd Ward.